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In re Application of

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Title: IMPROVED COLOR ENCODING AND DECODING METHOD

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. A decoding method for the decompression of a video sequence which has been processed by means of an encoding method according to claim 1, said method being characterized in that it follows the same steps as said algorithm indicated in the appendix B, "output" operations being however replaced by "input" ones.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claim 3 was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claim was not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

3. A decoding method for the decompression of a video sequence which has been processed by means of an encoding method according to [anyone of] claim[s]1 [and 2], said method being characterized in that it follows the same steps as said algorithm indicated in the appendix B, "output" operations being however replaced by "input" ones.